CONDITIONS IN THE PACKING HOUSES

Officially Denied They Are as Represented in the Neill-Reynolds Report.

PACKERS FOR INSPECTION.

Would Much Prefer to Have the Date On Labels or Cans

Washington, June 8 .- The house com mittee on agriculture today decided to comply with the request of the Chicago packers to be heard on the Neillin the Chicago packing houses. The request was made by Thomas Wilson who said he was an employe of the Nelson Morris company, but in this instance was authorized to speak for al the Chicago packers. Before hearing. Mr. Wilson, the committee notified to department of agriculture and Mr. Neill, Secretary Wilson, Dr. A. D. Melvin of the department, and Mr. Neil bearing began shortly before noon.

Mr. Wilson made a genedal denial of
the existence of conditions in the packing house as set forth in the Neill-

WHAT PACKERS OBJECT TO. Taking up the recommendations of Messrs. Neill and Reynolds, looking to Wilson said the packers did not ob-ject to government regulation of sanitary conditions, but they did object to the secretary of agriculture being made the judge of what is sanitary. "Why, he might call in outside tal-

ent which was inexperienced packing houses, and the business of slaughtering just as has been done recently," continued Mr. Wilson, "Certainly, we should object to that. There are experts on the question of sanitaclosest scrutiny from these Supervision of every branch of the

packing business was not objected to the packers, said Mr. Wilson. The overnment may put on as many in-spectors as it desires, so long as the packers do not have to pay for them. He said the packing business would be benefited by the inspection of the dir-ferent branches from "the hoof to the Good inspection is what the packers want, he declared. DON'T LIKE DATES.

In addition to the question of who chall be the judge of sanitation, Mr. Wilson said that the only other suggestion made by the Neill-Reynolds report to which the packers would have any objection is the requirement that the date of canning be placed on all canned articles. He said that would serve no purpose, except to injure the canned meat business.

"Naturally, a buyer will choose the article with the freshest appearing label," said Mr. Wilson, "when, as a matter of fact, the canned meat does not deteriorate with age."
In speaking of the return of goods,

he said that consignments are some-times sent back to the shippers because a nail had been driven through a can in fastening up a box. This, he said, consignee would imagine that the whole shipment had spoiled. is possible, in rare instances, for air to have gotten into the can, and caused it to swell. He described such cans as "swellers," but said there is no danger of these ever being enten, and ad-ded, with a laugh, "not the slightest."

No one asked him why.

"Would it be possible to put in cans meat which has begun to putrify?" asked Chairman Wadsworth.

Not unless the meat were accompanied by chemicals such as it would be suicide to eat," replied Mr. Wilson. He declared that the use of bad meat has never been attempted by reputable packers and that it would be suicide to their business. WILSON'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Wilson road a prepared state-ment to the committee, in which are

said: "That the livestock and packing in-

dustries have suffered an irreparable injury by the unjust and unwarranted criticisins of the jast week, I am sure it is unnecessary for me to tell you gentlemen, who are in such close touch with the agricultural interests of the country. Had the original motive been simply the obtaining of legislation to Improve the inspection and sanitary conditions, then I say the criticism have been doubly unjust and unfair, for in the very inception of the investiga-In the very inception of the investiga-tion the commission and their superfors were given the assurance of the pack-ers' co-operation and their personal guarantee was given that any practi-cal recomendations would be welcomed and adopted. We are now and have always been in favor of the extension of inspection; also of the adoption of sanitary regulations that will losure the very best possible conditions, and in this connection I most respectfully call your attention to the recommendations of Messrs. Neill and Reynolds, para-graph vii of their report, all of which except in some minor details has the hearty approval and support of the packers. What we are opposed to, and what we appeal to you gentlemen for protection against, is a bill that will put our business in the hands of theput our business in the hands of the-put our business in the hands of the-orists, chemists, sociologists, etc., and the management and control taken away from the men who have devoted away from the men who have devoted the management and control taken away from the men who have devoted the management and control taken away from the men who have devoted the management and control taken away from the men who have devoted the management and control taken the management and control taken away from the men who have devoted the management and control taken the management and the men who have devoted the management and the m 'My denials of Messrs, Neill and Rey-

nolds' report in detail would, of course, chuply be my opinions against theirs, notwithstanding my 20-years' experience in the business.

A DISAGREEABLE BUSINESS. "There is no question but that the "There is no question but that the many necessary operations attending the slaughtering of unitoals, the sight of blood and other offal resulting, would have a very shocking effect on the nerves and senses of two men with the necessary fine sensibilities that such men as Messrs. Neill and Reynolds must have, who have devoted their tives to one line of scientific or sociological work, but men such as this committee is made up, with broad and more general experiences, will immediately appro-ciate how the conditions reported have been exaggerated and that the greatest effort is made at all times to hardle the product in a clean and sanitary manner. We appreciate that Messrs. manner. We appreciate that Messra. Nelli and Reynoids' experience especially equip them to recommend improvement in social conditions, and many of the suggestions made by them were found to be practical and have already been adopted, but we also feel that their two and a half weeks' experience in

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For this reason he wanted the committee to make a personal inspection.

When the hearing was resumed, Dr. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry, was asked a number of ques-He explained that these exminations were all conducted in ockyards. He was asked if he belle: ed any diseased meat was put on the market in any form, but he would not express an opinion. He explained in detail the disposition of diseased cat-tie through the stock exchange, but said no such precautions were taken con-

COMMENTS ON CRITICISM.

Mr. Wilson again took up the Neille Reynolds report, commenting on man of the criticisms. Concerning the condition of the animals' pens, he showe that the floors were properly drain o permit of flushing as often as needed, and he asserted that this was done The Neill-Reynols report spoke of 19 dead hogs being found in one place and 15 to 20 in another. Mr. Wilson said 15 to 20 in another. Mr. Wilson said some mornings from 50,000 to 60,000 hogs are received, and that frequently dead ones are found in the cars. He did not there was anything "revolting

In regard to the interior of the work rooms, Mr. Wilson said that any person would be pleased with their cleanly appearance before the day's killing and dressing is begun, and that persons not used to packing houses might be disguested with the condi-

NO UNWHOLESOME CONDITIONS. He contended, however, that there Every day, he said, all rooms, tables, trucks and other utensints of all kinds are washed as clean as water and scrub brush can make them.

Chairman Wadsworth read piecemeal what may be termed the startpronounced each indictment, paused for answers. Mr. Wilson did not attempt to deny that odors arose from the entrails and off the carcasses, but he said they were removed as prompily as possible. He said he did not think that even Dr. Nelll would suggest per-furning this material. He scouted the wood or decayed meat, as there was one of either in the operating rooms to give rise to any smell,

AS TO TOILET ROOMS.

The charge that there were tollet ted, and the practise defended as no being more unsanitary than a toilet off a bedroom in a first class hotel, as the toffets were kept in good condition.

Suitable places were furnished work-men to wash, he said, and asserted that men all carried bunches of cheese cloth, which were used as towels. men preferred this, said Mr. Wilson.

Repeating his invitation to mempacking houses, Mr. Wilson said that the houses are always open, and that millions of people pass through every

"If we should visit the packing houses would there be any changes made before we arrived?" asked Mr. Wadsworth.

"We always take advantage of good suggestions, and Messra. Neill and Reynolds know this," replied Mr. Wil-He thought the charges, how-would not prevent the commission from getting at the facts.

HAPPENED IN BIG CONCERN.

Mr. Wilson questioned a charge in the Neill-Reynolds report that a car-case of a hog had slipped from a car-rier into a privy and had been picked up and placed with clean carcasses. He called upon Dr. Neill to state that it did not happen in one of the big packing house. packing houses

"It did happen in one of the big conrns," Dr. Neill replied emphatically. Although requested by members of the commission to state which one, Dr. Neill refused.

But some of the very things that . Wilson had just now denied," he said, "happened at Nelson Morris &

Mr. Wilson took up the comparison with the model New York packing house, which was made in the Neill-Reynolds report, and said that the bouse was new and built under the frict building and sanitary regulations The new house of his firm in Kansas City would compare favor-

There were also just as good and sanitary houses in Chicago, and all the newer building were un-to-date.

Asked about the statement that employes relieved themselves on the floor, Mr. Wilson was inclined to question this entirely. If it was seen, it must have been in one of the smaller nouses, "Mr. Reynolds or Dr. Neill would have to stand around a long time to see anything of that kind in a large packing house," he said, "and any man doing it would be instantly disman doing it would be instantly dis-

ONLY DYES USED. Reading about the man with a dirty means of cleaning his hands except to that there was no water in the room, he said it would be impossible for an apron to look clean after being worn for five minutes. The only dyes used were those to color the casings of the sausage, and not for meats.

As to the character of the employes, Mr. Worm dental the character of the employes,

away from the men who have their lives to the upbuilding and per-fecting of this great American indus-five per cent of those employed since that strike were union men.

TREATMENT OF GIRLS.

He deried that girls were compelled is stand while working, saying there were places for them to sit down, but undoubtedly some of them preferred to thank most of the time, that they might do their work more handily. Rooms were provided in which the employes might, eat, and all of the big parters furnished coffee to their employes at

ore cent a cup, "I think," he said, "that the people employed in the stockyards are more hab the average, a healthy class. There some who do not know it.

Representative Scott asked if Mr. Wilson had ever investigated packing houses abroad. He had, in England; but he said American methods were

FOREIGN MARKETS.

Have you had any difficulty prior to this agriation with your foreign mar-kett?" asked Mr. Scott,

"We are having a great deal of frou-le now," replied the witness. Asked again about times prior to the resent or tation, he mentioned that one ficulie was had with Germany. out he did not regard this based on the quality of American meats, Mr. V.), son then took up the Bever.

PATES ON LABELS. "We should very much preser," he remarked, "If the date on the labels or cans might be omitted," He also suggested that some carcasses might be found unsound and at the same this might be fit for food, or some portion

He wanted the language to conlamn areasses only when the carcasses "are sund to be unfit for human food." To illustrate, he said, a carcass might he bruised on the shoulder and otherwise all right.
Dr. Melvin was asked for an opinion.

and said that as applied to a live ani-mal it might be "unsound" but fit for

Mr. Wadsworth said the whole thing was whether the animal was or was not for human food. What's the use of burdening the lay

Mr. Wilson made the same objection to the use of the words "impure," "un-sound," "unhealthful," etc., wherever they qualified the inspection throughout the amendment. The committee spent some time in discussion of the question

LABELS LIE.

There would be no objection, Mr. Wilson said, to a sanitary regulation as strong as practicable. He admitted that the names of their products did not contain the article. As an example, he said his firm sold "Oxford" sausage. which was pork sausage sold under the name "Oxford." Another article named brown" was simply a beef siew. Representative Lorimer added that brown" meant beef, pork, potatoes,

"As a matter of fact," asked Representative Scott, "is anything called potted chicken which is not chicken." "No, sir, our potted chicken is made entirely of chicken, and our potted tur-key is made of turkey."

At this point the committee adjourned until femorrow morning.

WADSWORTH SUBSTITUTE.

The Wadsworth substitute for the Beveridge amenament which has been in the course of preparation for some days was made public today. The sub-stitute differs from the amendment of the senate, first, in that it leaves the manner of inspection discretionary with the secretary of agriculture. It omits the adjectives descriptive of meat "fit for human food," these adjectives being "sound," "healthful," etc. The substitute provides that the regulations when applied to. It places the cost of the inspection on the gov-ernment instead of on the packers. It exempts the preservative requirements as to food intended for export and simpilles the common carrier provision by allowing railroads to accept for shipment goods marked "inspected and passed" without the further restriction that the common carrier may refuse to take the shipment if the packing and slaughter house from which it comes is insanitary.

So far as Mr. Wilson, representing the packers, had covered the Beveridge committee, it was apparent that the Wadsworth substitute met the exact objections he raised regarding the Beveridge amendment.

TILTHY AND DIRTY.

Chicago, June 6 .- Building Commis sioner Bartzen and I? deputy building inspectors went to the stock yards today to make an inspection of every building in the place. The commissioner declared before leaving the city hall that he would compel the packers to correct every violation of the bu-

The first place visited was the hog plant of one of the large packing ways and fire escapes were not suffiample for the number of en ployes and the owners of the plan were instructed to put from one to tw stairways in all the buildings of the went to the hog killing department one of the large macking houses and described the conditions he found there as "filthy and dirty." He characterized the room as a "dirty hole, unfit for the uses to which it is put." From the killed and dressed. Here the wall were covered with calcimine scarcel dry. After going through this building, the commissioner left for his office in the city hall. He said before leaving the stock vards, that there district devoted to the parking indus-try. The majority of them he de-clared, "are dilapidated, filthy and mafit for such use as it made of them." He directed that the inspection should be of the most thorough char-

pieted inside of four or five days. PUBLIC INVITED TO INSPECT. Chicago, June 6.-The Chicago packers have inserted in all of the daily pa-pers of this city a full page advertise-ment, inviting the general public to visit their plants and by means of personal inspection satisfying them selves regarding the purity and whole-someness of their products and the cleanliness and saultary condition of the buildings. The invitation is extended to everybody in the United States and particularly to the residents of Chicago and vicinity,

WOMEN URGE ACTION.

St. Paul, June 6 .- At the convention of the Federation of Women's clubs today Mrs. Wilder of Chicago, intro-duced a resolution calling on Congress to take immediate action for the corto take immediate acting conditions' in rection of the "shocking conditions" in the packing houses. The resolution was referred to a committee.

AGRARIAN QUESTION.

Lower House of Donna Occupies Day In Discussing Subject.

St. Petersburg, June 6.-The lower house of parliament was again occupied agrarian problem, though the greater portion of the session was taken up with debate on extraneous matters. Onfive orators, four of whom were uninteresting, were heard on the direct subject of land, the long waiting list till including more than 100 names.
Three of the speakers, who were Poles, reiterated the Poles' objections to the Constitutional Democratic project.
Opipko, the intransigeant peasant orator, alone aroused the interest of the house with flery invective against the plans of the majority. He preached the doctrine of full nationalization of

land, declaring that millions of voices were joining in the cry of "land, land," and for a full distribution of this divine gift to man. The Constitutional Democratic project he declared, was iniquitous hecause it permitted the existence of private estates; but this would be wept away by the righteous wrath of the peasantry.

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